

OKLAHOMA LIVESTOCK

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Oklahoma's inventory of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2003 was up 4 percent from a year earlier while hog numbers on December 1, 2002 were down 140,000 head. The all sheep and lamb inventory was up 8 percent from last year.

Cattle and calves on Oklahoma's farms and ranches totaled 5,400,000 head, up 200,000 head from last year. All cows that have calved, at 2,130,000 head, were up 5 percent from a year ago. The cow inventory consists of 2,042,000 beef cows and 88,000 milk cows. There were 380,000 beef cow replacement heifers entering the state's breeding herd on January 1, 2003. The 2002 calf crop was 1,930,000 head, up 2 percent from 2001. The average inventory value of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2003 was \$650 per head, unchanged from last year. The total inventory value of all cattle and calves was \$3.5 billion, up 4 percent from a year ago. In 2002, there were 60,000 operations with cattle, up 1,000 from the number of operations in 2001.

Oklahoma feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head had 330,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market on January 1, 2003, down 8 percent from last year. Fed cattle marketings during 2002 totaled 770,000 head, down 62,000 head from the previous year. The number of cattle placed on feed during 2002 totaled 760,000 head, down 7 percent from 2001.

The state's hog population on December 1, 2002 totaled 2,340,000 head, down 140,000 head from the previous year. The hog inventory consisted of 330,000 breeding hogs, down 3 percent from last year, and 2,010,000 market hogs, down 6 percent. The 2002 pig crop totaled 5,989,000 head, down 4 percent from a year earlier. The average value per head of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2002 was \$59, down \$6 from 2001. The total inventory value of all hogs and pigs was \$146.9 million, 9 percent below last year's estimate. In 2002, there were 2,600 operations with hogs, down 4 percent from 2001.

Sheep and lamb numbers on January 1, 2003 totaled 65,000 head, up 8 percent from last year. Of this total, 51,000 head were breeding sheep and lambs, and 14,000 were market sheep and lambs. The 2002 lamb crop, at 46,000 head, was up 15 percent from a year earlier. The average value per head of all sheep and lambs on January 1, 2003 was \$120, up \$10 from 2002. The total inventory value was \$7.8 million, up 18 percent from a year earlier. There were 350,000 pounds of wool produced in 2002, up 13 percent from a year ago. The average price of wool was 25 cents per pound. There were 1,500 operations with sheep and lambs in Oklahoma during 2002, up 100 from 2001.